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Rome July 21st 1821

My dear Father

My picture is still not arrived
very near the time — perhaps the 7th or 8th August
— the delay is owing to the stoppage of the
Messenger at Ancona. — The Messenger by
whom I hoped to have sent my picture
went away the Night previous to its arri-
val — my picture arrived at Ancona to the
next Day. — But however I hope it will
be nearly the same — only I send you this
— to prevent you alarming at its not arriving
according to my first notice — You will
please to direct the kind friend who goes
for it for me — either Mr Braham or
Mr Bond — that it will be in Lord Bathurst's

Office — and not in the Office of Under Secretary —
— The weather continues here mild and
beautiful — I am staying in the Vatican
Palace — from the large pictures of Raphael
the finest in the World — I am painting
the figures, whole length — and the size
of Life — and get on most nobly — These
Copies will be most valuable in England —
— They are in Oil Colours — This is what I —
have longed to do — ever since I first saw
saw the Engravings — I think when I was
about 18 — what with my duties — and the
manner in which I do them — I may hope
to make great gains in my studies
— The thing most after I am in a
Prelates own movement — is that Lady
Westmorland — writes by this post to Sir

– Mrs Lawrence in my behalf – explaining
the short notice I have had to send my
Picture – and praying that the Council
(should my picture arrive in time)
will consider my case at their next
meeting – I can not speak in terms too
high of this Lady's kindness and condescension
– When Maria writes direct me
2 – Via di S. Isidoro – 2do piano – Rom
– Farewell my dear Father. – I know
how you will be thinking about my
poor picture – but I have great
hope of success – Farewell – I hope it
will all go right! – and that you will sit
down in your Arm Chair – after it is all
over – happy – most happy – that at last it
has all ended well for your poor Son
Joseph

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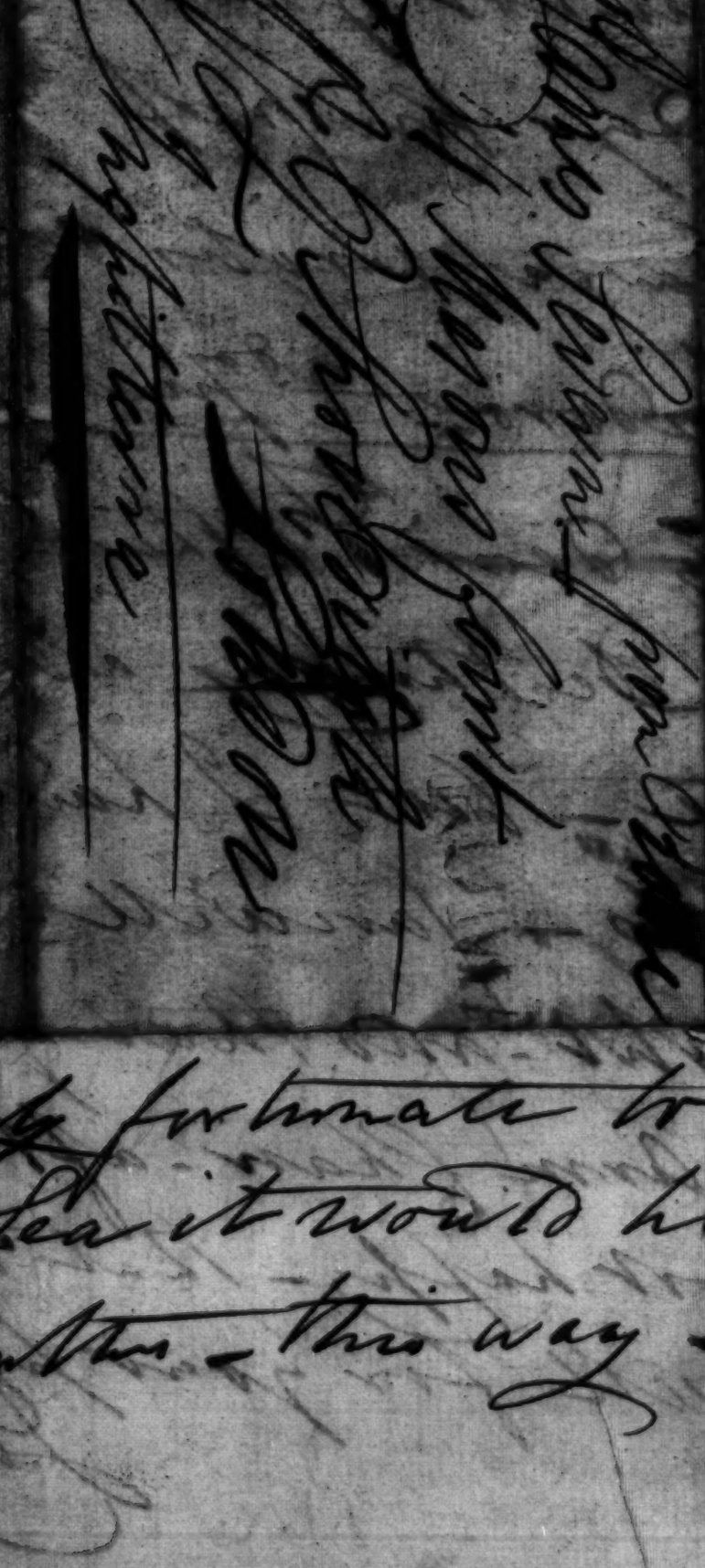
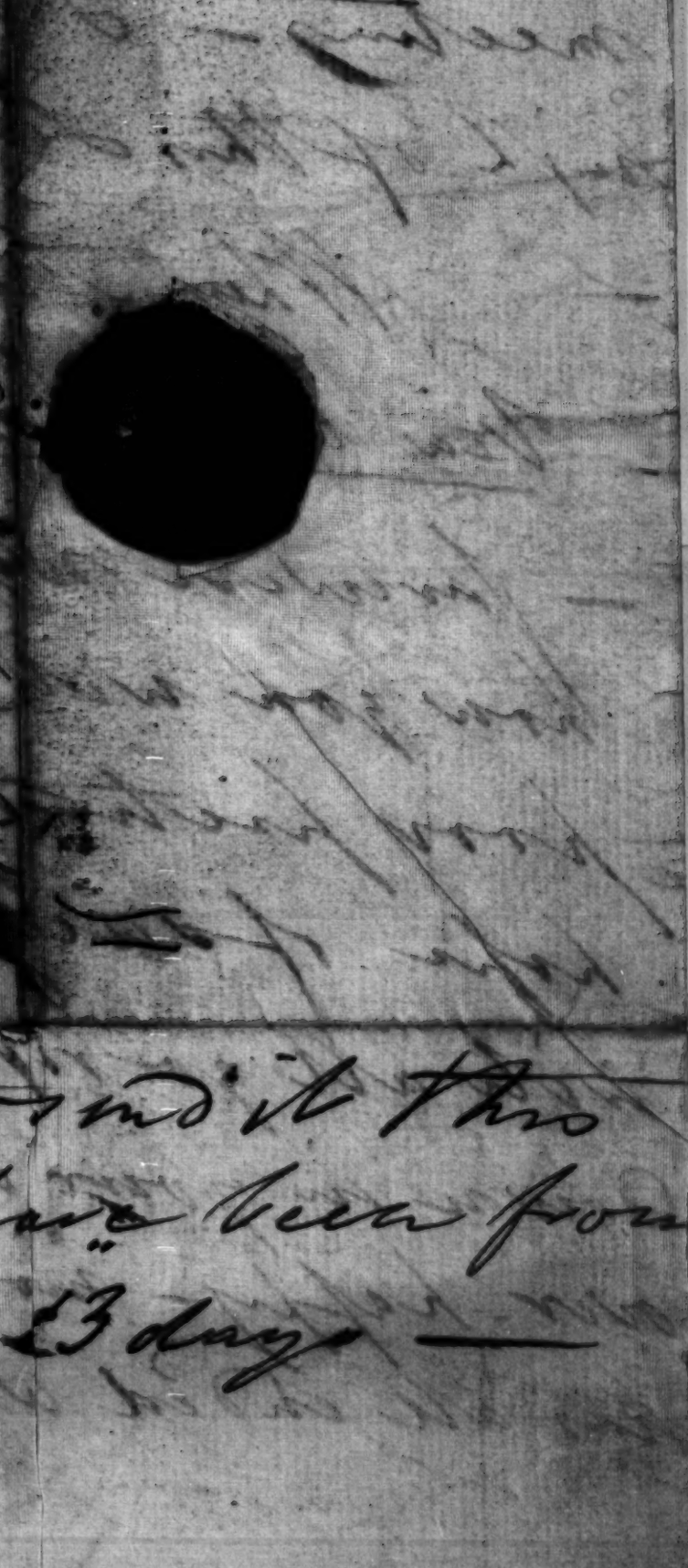
I may still have to write again — Don't be alarmed if it does not come — remember I am a 1000 Miles from you — it will be sure to come — as the enclosed is safe beyond all





I am fortunate to find it thus way — by sea it would have been four 6 — by stages — this way 23 days —